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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Andrew Kim

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5-8 and 14-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5-8 and 14-16 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 17-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-3, 5-8 and 14-16 are allowed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code 102 not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

1. Claims 17-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Schumann (US 6,146,141).
2. Schumann discloses a simulated pistol wherein a compressed air cylinder causes the pistol carriage to recoil. See abstract. The cylinder is controlled by a changeover valve, which is actuated by a control element coupled with the trigger. See id. The changeover valve causes a compressed air loader to connect with the cylinder. See id. As discussed below, Schumann teaches every feature of listed claims.
3. Claims 17 and 21: Schumann discloses an isolated weapon simulator having a bolt providing recoil for a user comprising:
 - a. A housing including a piston chamber and a piston (30) in the chamber wherein the piston connects to the bolt (33). See fig. 1.
 - b. A regulated gas supply (45) detachably attached to the housing. See fig. 1. The gas supply is regulated by valve (24).
 - c. A valve chamber (25) in the housing connecting the regulated gas supply and the bolt. See fig. 1.

- d. A recoil valve (24) positioned in the valve chamber (25), said recoil valve positioned to control the release of gas from the regulated supply to the piston chamber. See fig. 1.
 - e. A pilot valve (24) connected to said regulated gas supply. See fig. 1.
 - f. A pilot channel (31) connecting said pilot valve to said valve chamber. See fig. 1.
4. Claims 18 and 19: Schumann discloses a changeover valve (24) that has three valve gates (B and A) and a central or distal valve cavity between said valve gates (valve tappet). See fig. 1.
5. Claim 20: Schumann discloses an electrically controlled pilot valve (col. 4, line 41).
6. Claim 22: Schumann discloses attaching a gas supply magazine to the shell (col. 2, line 50).

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the

shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Kim whose telephone number is 571-272-1691. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cheryl Tyler can be reached on 571-272-4834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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